accordance with the AFHQ Civil Service Rules, 1968 were struck down by the Courts. The seniority of these officers is being revised again as per the direction of the Supreme Court dated 17-2-1987.

(d) The seniority lists of the permanent Assistants published in accordance with the AFHQ Civil Service Rules, 1968 was challenged by the promotee Assistants in the Supreme Court and defended by the Department. The case came up for hearing on the 23rd and 24th April, 1985 and the Government Counsel intimated that the Supreme Court, after hearing the matter, was of the view that as the case was covered by the said Court's earlier judgement in the case of G. S. Lamba vs. Union of India, the Department might be advised to withdraw the impunged seniority list, the Department, thereafter decided to re-examine the seniority list in the light of the said judgement. On 25-4-1985, the Supreme Court passed orders stricking down the seniority list and directed to re-draw the seniority list and the relevant panels.

(e) The question does not arise at this stage.

Rise in Bank Deposits

210. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of rise in bank deposits during the last three months;

(b) whether the actual rise in bank deposits during the same period fulfilled the targets set out for the propose; and

(c) the stipulated targets and the achievements in the priority sector advances during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The growth rate of deposits of all Scheduled commercial banks and the working estimates made by Reserve Bank of India during last three years are given in the following table:

(*Amount in Rs. crores*)

Year	Working estimates		Actual growth	
	Amount	%age	Amount	%ag
1983-84 . . .	8000	15.7	9238	18.0
1984-85 . . .	9600	15.8	11648	19.2
1985-86	11500	16.2	13044	18.1

From the above position it may be stated that the actual growth of deposits of scheduled commercial banks as a whole, has been more than what was estimated;

(e) The following targets stipulated by Reserve Bank of India for priority sector lending and the achievements of public sector banks

during last three years are indicated below:—

	%age Target	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Sep.. 1986
%age of priority sector advances to total bank credit	40	40.04	42.7	43.4
%age of advances for direct finance to agriculture to total bank credit	15	13.9	15.8	16.1
%age of advances to weaker sections to total bank credit	10	8.7	10.2	10.8

NOTE.—Data are provisional.

Rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen

211. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any charter of demands from the Indian ex-servicemen's League and other organisations of ex-servicemen;

(b) if so, what are the main demands of the ex-servicemen;

(c) what action has been taken by Government thereon;

(d) whether Government have formulated any scheme for providing employment to ex-servicemen till the age of superamnnuation organising servicemen's cooperative for using their services for movements of goods from public undertakings; and

(e) what are the details of any other measures proposed to be taken or rehabilitation of ex-servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) The required information is given in the Annexure (*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexupre No. 10

Seniority of Assistants in the Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Service

212. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the seniority list of Assistants in the Armed Forces Head querters Civil Service had been prepared by the Ministry of Defence without complying with the Statutory Rules;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these Statutory Rules have been upheld by the Supreme Court in a recent judgement; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not following the Statutory Rules, for not consulting the Union public Service Commission and the details of action taken against the defaulting officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) In August, 1984; a seniority list of permanent Assistants of the AFHQ Civil Service was drawn up in accordance with the AFHQ Civil Service Rules, 1968. This list was struck down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The seniority list was, thereafter; drawn up as per directions of the Supreme Court|Central Administrative Tribunal.

(b) The Hon'ble Supreme Court, in its order; dated 17-2-1987, has directed that the seniority among Direct Recruits themselves be determined in accordance with Sub-Rule (6) of Rule 16 of the AFHQ Civil Service Rules 1968. The Court had also directed that